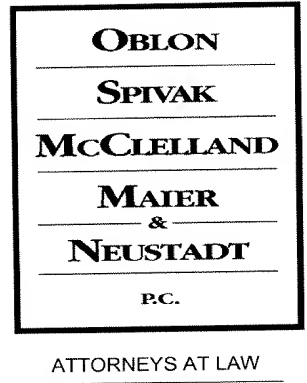


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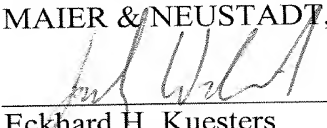
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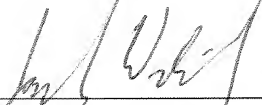
The "Statement of Reasons For Allowance" included at page 2, paragraph 4, of the Notice of Allowance refers to various features recited in Claim 1 as not being disclosed in the prior art. However, the "Statement of Reasons For Allowance" indicates that the elements of Claim 1 are also set forth in Claims 7, 13, and 14. However, the language recited in Claims 7, 13, and 14 is different from what is recited in Claim 1. For example, Claim 7 does not include "an encryption processing unit." On the contrary, Claim 7 recites "a program receiving unit." Moreover, Claim 14 is directed to a method claim, and Claim 1 is directed toward an apparatus claim.

Applicants' therefore object to this "global" approach to identifying "reasons for allowance."

Accordingly, a revised statement of reasons for allowance is recommended
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